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UNION MEN
OF ALAMEDA COUNTY EARN SIX MILLION DOLLARS MONTHLY AND ARE SPENDING THEIR UNION WAGES AT HOME WITH FRIENDS OF LABOR

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Monster Whist Party In Labor Temple Saturday

JOURNAL LIGHTS

By FRANK BURKE

Are You a Good Citizen?—

Some people think as long as they are entitled to all the benefits of government, and usually get them, that that is all required to make a good citizen. That's not true.

To be a good citizen we should give something to our government; it isn't what we receive that counts the most, it's what we give and how we give it.

Yes, we have certain people that will take everything, if we give it to them. We have others that think all is necessary to be a good citizen is to take out their first papers then let them go in default, when the time comes to really and truly become an American citizen.

We have the Bridges type, who thinks it's better to take than give; then there's that fellow Browder, another faker of the worst type who would even go so far as to overthrow our government; then we have the wobblies, the I. W. W. and everything that it takes to be a non-citizen, all thrown into one bunch.

So it takes something from within to be a good citizen, and it takes that same something to keep our hands off those trying to upset everything decent in our country.

We Agree With Green—

William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor, said this about the "build America" program:

"The build America program deserves support of all classes of people interested in the promotion of building construction. It is a plan which appeals to the judgment, imagination and common sense of labor, contractors, financiers, and those who yearn to become home owners. The need for building construction and especially home building is very great. Furthermore nothing will contribute more to the solution of our unemployment problem than a constructively launched building program. I most heartily endorse the build America program."

We all agree with Mr. Green.

Picketing a Ball Game —

In New York, recently, members of the ball parks, stadiums and sporting centers employes' union surrounded the baseball park with a picket line when the park owners refused to employ members of their union but instead hired the notorious strike breaking Burns detective agency to police the grounds. The ball game was between the giants and Boston bees.

Everything was settled satisfactorily to the union and the game went on a short time after Mayor LaGuardia arrived.

The picket line was lifted to allow the mayor to go through. The mayor, as you know, is very friendly to union workers.

Man, the Great Unknown—

What's in a man? Well, to begin with, there's about a nickle's worth of iodine, forty quarts of water, and enough sulfur to kill the fleas on a small dog. There's phosphorus enough for a year's supply of matches, iron to make a small nail, and lime enough to whitewash a chicken-coop. Break a man down on the scrap-heap, and he's hardly worth a cent a pound.

But there's something more in a man, something that turns a chemical machine into a living being, something that makes that machine form the notes of a symphony, spell the words of a poem, and seek to unlock the doors to the treasures and mysteries of life. What's in a man? There's love, hate, fear, revenge, lust, honor, hope, and despair. There's a force that makes him explore the unknown, and a fatality that sends him out to kill in the shot and shell of war.

In this day when the frontiers of the world dwindle under the push of knowledge, the frontiers of the human mind remain dim and distant, hidden secrets in the greatest drama of all.

What's in a man? Who knows! Kin of the gods and brother of the beasts, man remains the great unknown, the greatest of all mysteries.

Can You Guess Who?—

Each week a description of a prominent labor personality will be published in this column. Guess who . . . . the name will appear next week.

Lask Week's "Guess Who?"

GLEN HAWKINS
Assistant Business Representative
Building Trades Council

This week's "guess who?"

Tall slender man. Has little moustache. Usually smokes Oasis cigars. Represents four different craftsmen. Is quite prominent around the labor temple. Weighs about 160 pounds. Drives a Ford car. Lives in east Oakland.

Who is it?

Over 38 Million Ask For Social Security

The social security board reported that as of April 19, applicants for social security account numbers totaled 38,237,877.

Listen to the Labor Journal broadcast every Friday evening over KROW at 6:45.

SEVERAL HUNDRED TO ATTEND WHIST SATURDAY NIGHT

More Than 200 Awards to Be Given Away at Monster Whist Party in Temple

A cordial invitation is extended to all readers of the Journal to join the labor temple auxiliary tomorrow evening in the labor temple, 2111 Webster street, on the occasion of their first benefit whist party. The funds derived from this whist will be used to furnish the ladies' lounge and equip the kitchens in the labor temple.

Tickets sell for 40 cents, and nothing has been overlooked by the committee to make all those attending have an amusing evening. There will be a large number of awards, and several surprises are in store for the players. Awards are now on display in the lobby of labor temple.

Those who really want a good time should not fail to attend, for you will be helping in a very worthy cause, besides enjoying a pleasant evening.

If you are planning on coming down, call up some of your card playing friends and tell them to come down also, or bring them along with you. Remember, tomorrow's the night, labor temple, 2111 Webster street, at 8 o'clock sharp. More than 150 tables will be occupied.

MONDAY IS DEAD LINE ON BRIDGE ELECTRICAL WORK

Electrical workers of the bay district have set Monday as their dead line in their controversy with the signalmen's union over the jurisdiction of the installation of signals on the bay bridge.

Should negotiations reach a stalmate this week end, all work on the bridge may be tied up, according to representatives of the electricians' union here.

The local electrical workers are members of the international brotherhood of electricians, an A. F. of L. affiliate. The local union is represented by S. E. Rockwell.

JANITORS' UNION ELECTS OFFICIAL FAMILY FOR 1938

Building Service Employes' Union, Local No. 18, held their regular election of officers at headquarters last Friday.

Following are the officers elected:

President, Dan Keefe; vice president, G. L. Mangini; second vice president, Joe Aronson; third vice president, John Albo; secretary, Frank Stagnaro; treasurer, W. D. Gilbert and sergeant - at - arms, Claude Briscoe.

Delegates to central labor council, Dan Keefe, Frank Stagnaro, Joe Aronson, John Albo and A. Dozotti.

Approximately 200 ballots were cast. Officers will serve for one year.

Installation will be held Sunday, May 8.

TRADES COUNCIL ASKS FULL-TIME INSPECTOR

The Alameda County Building Trades Council, representing 37 unions, made a special request today of the state industrial accident commission to place a full-time inspector in the field in this county.

For years, according to council heads, Alameda county has been without a full-time inspector; the county, the third largest in the state, should have a full-time accident inspector in the field which would eliminate a large number of accidents, especially on building trades construction, the labor heads said.

All unions affiliated with the council have been instructed to write the accident commission making a similar request.

Sheet Metal Delegates Leave for Convention

Five local representatives of the sheet metal workers' union leave today for Chicago to attend the annual convention of the international union.

Those en route to Chicago are, Louis Martin, William Connelly, George Germain and J. Earl Cook of Local No. 216 and U. B. Collins of Local No. 355.

They will return to Oakland about May 24.

INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENT COMMISSION RULES IN FAVOR OF LOCAL FIREMAN

"April 18th" was a bad day for firemen in San Francisco 32 years ago; but April 18, 1938, was indeed a good day for Hoseman Lynn T. Smith, of the Oakland fire department, who on January 1, 1937, was injured while fighting fire at the Monastery on Thirty-fourth avenue, Oakland.

On April 18, 1938, the industrial accident commission of the state of California decided a long drawn out controversy between Hoseman Lynn T. Smith and the city of Oakland in awarding Lynn T. Smith full compensation for the injury sustained by him on January 1, 1937.

The case was unusual in several respects. Lynn T. Smith, an honorably discharged war veteran, entered the Oakland fire department on May 1, 1929, and through the course of his continued service developed a pain in the left hip which caused him slightly to limp. In the early morning of January 1, 1937, while dragging a hose up a dark stairway on which plaster and debris had fallen, he slipped and landed in a standing position on his left leg so that a blow was transmitted through the leg bones into the pelvis. He finished the shift, but next day was unable to return to work and examination showed that the left hip socket was tubercular and that the hip joint had been destroyed by tuberculosis. For this reason the city of Oakland removed Lynn T. Smith from his position in the Oakland fire department upon the ground that his disability was not received in the performance of his duties.

Decide in Smith's Favor

Philip O. Solon, attorney for International Association of Fire Fighters, Local 55, an A. F. of L. affiliate, decided to take the case to the industrial accident commission, where the case was fought out upon the medical questions involved. The city claimed that Smith's disability resulted solely from tuberculosis while Solon contended that the total disability resulted from an injury to a tubercular hip joint, which injury was received in the line of duty.

The commission decided in Smith's favor and ordered the city to pay to him forthwith the sum of $1,513.84, and thereafter $25 a week beginning March 15, 1938.

Grateful for Assistance

Except for this award Lynn T. Smith and his wife and two children would have a very hard time to get along. At Letterman hospital Smith's left hip joint was ankylosed and since the operation he has been in a good condition of health. The hip joint was the only place where the tuberculosis showed up and it is expected that he will be entirely free from that dread disease.

When Mrs. Clara Smith, wife of Lynn T. Smith, was told the good news of the commission's award, she said, "Lynn and I and the kids are certainy grateful to the International Association of Fire Fighters', Local 55, which took care of this case for us."

STATE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL TO MEET FRIDAY, JULY 8TH

The next quarterly meeting of the executive council of the California State Federation of Labor will be held in Santa Barbara on July 8th, it was announced today.

The meeting of the council scheduled to be held in Fresno in June has been cancelled by agreement of the members, because of the conference of the A. F. of L. Political League of California in Santa Barbara on July 9th and 10th.

Members of the council are also members of the executive body of the league, and the holding of a council meeting in Fresno in June, and the necessity of their attendance in Santa Barbara in July for the league's meeting would result in two trips within a month, and added expense. For these reasons the executive council will meet on day prior to the league conference.

Sign Painters In Hayward Are Union

According to Fred Barrette, business representative, all sign painters in Hayward are now members of his union, an affiliate of the A. F. of L.

Barrette said that all employers in Hayward are now employing his members and working on a 100 per cent union basis.

The sign painters are also affiliated with the Brotherhood of Painters and Decorators of America.

Economy Laundry Is Okeh To Union Labor

Do not be confused between the Economy laundry and the Economy cleaners. The Economy laundry is strictly union.

The Economy cleaners are strictly non-union.

Drivers and inside workers employed by the Economy laundry are members of the American Federation of Labor.

Employes in the Economy cleaners are non-union throughout; this firm does not deserve the patronage of organized labor members or their friends.

You can tell a union driver by asking for the union card.

Do not patronize laundries or cleaners listed on the "We Don't Patronize" list in this newspaper.

Fulmer Recommended On Engineers' Comm.

At a meeting of the bay district council of engineers held in San Francisco this week, F. B. Fulmer, secretary-treasurer of Operating Engineers' Local No. 507, was recommended as a member of a committee to go to Washington, D. C., during June. This committee will be composed of 10 representatives of unions throughout the United States who will revise the constitution and by-laws of the international union of operating engineers.

ALMSHOUSES NOT AIDED BY OLD-AGE PENSIONS

The prediction that the enactment of old-age pension laws would aid in depopulating county poorhouses is not being realized in Wisconsin, where 40,000 persons more than 65 years of age are receiving an average pension of $20.11 per month.

According to figures made public by B. G. Wood, chief statistician of the state pension department, the decrease in the indigent aged being cared for in what were formerly known as county poor-houses has been negligible during the three years in which the pension law has been in effect. The actual reduction in the enrollment of the fifty-two county homes in the state is only about three hundred.

LABOR WILL NEVER ABANDON DEMOCRACY, GREEN DECLARES

A. F. of L. Chieftain, in International Radio Broadcast, Tells Europe Aims of American Workers

If you had an opportunity to talk to the workers of North America and Europe, all at the same time, what would you say to them?

President William Green had that chance Tuesday afternoon,



WILLIAM GREEN

when he spoke over a short-wave radio setup in Washington. His remarks were re-broadcast in Europe by the British Broadcasting corporation.

His address covered a number of subjects — unemployment, the CIO controversy, labor legislation, dictatorships and world peace.

Expressing the opinion that the economic machine in the United States has not broken down, but is merely stalled, Green said:

"Paradoxically, our immediate want is caused by our potential riches. We do not suffer because we cannot produce enough food for our people—we suffer because we can produce too much food. We do not suffer because our factories cannot produce enough merchandise to supply our people's needs, but because they can produce more than our people can buy."

Green blamed C. I. O. Chairman John L. Lewis for starting and prolonging the C. I. O.-A. F. of L. controversy, but predicted the breach will be healed.

It cannot continue indefinitely, he said, because "the 4,000,000 members of the A. F. of L. want peace," and the members of the C. I. O., who, he alleged, "are denied an opportunity to express their will," are just as eager for unity.

American labor is "carrying on," he told his listeners, and said "the passage of the Wagner-Connery labor relations act, even though it is being badly administered, has given labor a new birth of freedom."

Green said he wanted to give his European listeners "the positive assurance that, no matter what has happened in dictator - controlled countries," the A. F. of L.'s 4,000,000 members "will never abandon their purpose to establish and maintain industrial and political democracy in the United States."

He said that the war in China, the seizure of Austria and Ethiopia, and the conflict in Spain "have created a feeling of deepest apprehension" in America, but the people are "thinking in terms of peace" and look to democratic nations "to save the world from war and destruction."

WAGE-HOUR BILL MAY HIT SNAG

Administration leaders in congress virtually abandoned hope of getting a wage-hour bill through the house at this session because of opposition in the house rules committee.

The rules committee will meet today to decide whether to give the revised measure privileged status on the house calendar. Influential members said they saw little chance of favorable action.

If the rules committee refused to approve it, the measure could be brought to the house floor only by a petition from a majority of the house members.

Some supporters talked of resorting to this procedure, if necessary, but others expressed doubt the required 218 signatures could be obtained.

The rules committee blocked the original wage-hour bill last year. It was brought to the floor by petition and then returned to the labor committee for revision.

The revised measure now pending in the rules committee would establish a minimum wage starting at 25 cents an hour and increasing to 40 cents at the end of three years. The maximum work week would start at 44 hours and decrease to 40 hours in two years.

NLRB IS UNFAIR, SAYS LABOR HEAD

An American Federation of Labor spokesman accused the national labor relations board Wednesday of unfairness in administration of the Wagner labor act.

Joseph A. Padway, federation counsel, told the house judiciary committee:

"The AFL has a lack of confidence in the board. There exists a feeling on the part of a very large element in the labor movement that the act is not being administered fairly as far as the AFL is concerned. We are disappointed in the administration by the board."

Padway made the statement while registering conditional federation approval of a bill before the committee intended to deny government contracts to corporations which the board declared had violated the Wagner act.

Delegate to Central Council Killed in Auto Accident

Howard K. Givens, dispatcher for the Retail Clerks' Union, Local No. 870, died early Wednesday morning after the automobile in which he was riding collided with another at the intersection of 20 and Harrison streets.

Givens was very prominent in local union affairs and was a delegate to the Central Labor Council of Alameda county.

His remains were taken to Seattle for burial.

Machinists' Annual Ball Friday, May 6

District Lodges Nos. 115, 284, 824, 149, 1518 and 1566 of the international association of machinists, will hold their annual ball at Neptune Beach, Alameda, Friday evening, May 6. Dancing from 8 to 12 o'clock midnight.

Admission is 40 cents; free parking. Public invited.

FLORISTS MAKE DRIVE FOR MEMBERSHIP HERE

According to representatives from the Gardeners, Nursery Workers and Florists' Union No., 1206, considerable headway is being made in organizing the nursery industry.

The first florist to sign the union agreement is McDonnell Bros., 5128 Telegraph avenue. The following nurseries have signed contracts with the union to employ only union gardeners and nursery workers: San Lorenzo nursery and Twin nursery, San Lorenzo; Bay nursery, San Pablo; McClellan, Mt. Eden, and James nursery on Foothill boulevard in Oakland.

When purchasing flowers at your florists, ask the attendant for his working button. Members of organized labor and their friends are asked to make purchases of bedding plants, shrubbery and having garden work done, to have a member of the gardeners' union serve you. If you want further information, you may call ANdover 7061.

RESTAURANTS MAY BE LISTED AS NON-UNION

Unless Margaret Burnham's restaurant at 20th and Broadway, Oakland, and the Pig n' Whistle, 19th and Broadway, adjust their differences with the culinary workers' union today they will be placed on the official "We Don't Patronize" list.

Representatives of both restaurants were asked to appear before the executive board of the central labor council this afternoon to show cause why they should not be listed as "unfair."

Meeting of the executive board convenes at 2 o'clock.

100 Per Cent Group Meets In Redding

Representatives of some 50 A. F. of L. crafts met in regular session in Redding last Sunday and formulated plans to bring about union conditions on the Central Valley water project and discussed other important business concerning A. F. of L. unions.

J. C. Reynolds, business representative of the Alameda County Building Trades Council, attended the meeting.

The new group is known as the 100 per cent committee and is operating under the banner of the American Federation of Labor.

LAUNDRY DRIVERS 209 CHANGE MEETING PLACE

On and after May 3, 1938, the membership of Laundry Wagon Drivers' Union, Local No. 209 will meet in regular session in Teamsters' hall, 826 West street, Oakland.

This action, according to Ben Courant, secretary, was taken at a recent meeting of the union.

All meetings to start at 8 p. m.

The local union is now meeting in the Pacific building.

The highest degree in labor union education is the degree in which you buy union label goods and union services.

AFL POLICY COMM. MEETING CALLED TOMORROW NIGHT

The policy committee of the AFL political league of Alameda county will meet in regular session tomorrow night (Saturday) in the new labor temple at 8 o'clock.

William A. Spooner, secretary of the political league, issued the call this week and requests all committeemen to attend.

The policy committee, according to Spooner, will outline a program for the league to follow; this program will be submitted to the general convention, May 7th.

On the policy committee are, William Franklin, T. J. Roberts, C. J. Wagner, J. Lubkert, C. D. Clark, Wm. Marquette, J. Symes, P. Sweeney, and F. B. Fulmer, representing the central labor council.

Representing the building trades council are, J. C. Reynolds, C. D. Gibbon, P. Tutts, C. E. Risley, Chas. Eisen, J. S. Miller, C. R. Gurney and F. A. Lawrence.

CANNERY WORKERS AND GROWERS IN UNION AGREEMENT

24,000 In Santa Clara County Affected By Agreement; More Than 60,000 Sign

The California Processors and Growers' association, representing 92 canning firms in northern California, reached a tentative agreement recently with negotiators for the 12 American Federation of Labor unions, representing 60,000 cannery workers.

The terms of the agreement, reached after two days of negotiations will be embodied in contract to be drawn up at once.

All discussions of wages was left out of the agreement, the 12 unions involved are recognized by the canners, seniority of employment and preferential hiring of the resident workers were adopted, a ten-hour day and a 60-hour week were agreed upon with specific exceptions.

Both sides agreed upon Sunday closing except in the case of peas and asparagus canneries.

Largest union group affected is that of Santa Clara county, which at peak season employes more than 24,000 members. Other units: San Francisco, Oakland, Hayward, Sacramento, Stockton, Rio Vista, Benicia, Richmond, Marysville, Kingsburg and Modesto.

Los Angeles Paint Co. On Unfair List

At the request of the bay shore district council of painters, the Alameda County Building Trades Council placed the Western Maintenance company, Los Angeles, on the official "We Don't Patronize" list.

The firm is on the "unfair" list in Texas and other parts of the nation also.

MOUNTAIN OF FOOD BOUGHT TO AID FARMERS IS TO FEED JOBLESS

Some idea of the immensity of the administration's relief program was disclosed this week in a report of the federal surplus commodities corporation.

This agency was created several years ago by Harry L. Hopkins, the purpose being to rescue farmers from ruinous prices by buying up crop surpluses and turning the food over to local communities to supplement relief grants.

During the past three years, the report declared, the corporation has purchased and distributed 3,000,000 pounds of food. That was at an average rate of 2,000 pounds a day—enough to feed New York state's population of 12,500,000 for about two months, the report explained.

"The soundest permanent solution of the farm problem," the report emphasized, "is in creating more buying power for the millions of people of low income, many of them on relief.

"The corporation, however, does not wait for the final solution. It acts now, when its activities count in protecting the farmer and in assisting the fight against hunger."

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Federal Loans Aid Raisin Growers

An outstanding illustration of the influence of organized producers of agricultural products in securing the enactment of legislation for their benefit is contained in the announcement of the agricultural adjustment administration that a loan of $2,500,000 to California raisin producers has been approved by the commodity credit corporation and President Roosevelt upon the recommendation of Secretary of Agriculture Wallace. The loan, the first one made under the Agricultural Adjustment act of 1938, was applied for by California producers "for the purpose of handling the remaining tonnage of raisins from the 1937 crop which is still unsold in growers' hands."

It appears that many of the raisin growers were confronted with a slash in prices because of the surplus from the 1937 crop, which would be accentuated if their financial condition compelled them to sell the surplus immediately.

In order to enable the raisin growers to hold the surplus for a reasonable time and dispose of it so as not to oversupply the market, and thus force down prices below profitable limits, the government, through the commodity credit corporation, will lend the raisin growers not to exceed $2,500,000 on 40,000 tons at the rate of $55 per ton, net, for standard or better quality Thompson seedless or Muscat raisins.

Representatives of the raisin growers in California said that the government loan "should give all necessary strength to the raisin market and should provide growers holding raisins from the 1937 crop with a market of at least $60 per ton on their standard raisins," and "should provide the necessary strength to the market to enable Sun-Maid Raisin Growers' association and other holders of raisins to sell both in the domestic and foreign markets at fair prices."

Agricultural adjustment administration officials said that in addition to the net loan of $55 per ton, provision had also been made for an advance up to $4 per ton to meet necessary handling and carrying charges.

Under the strong influence of organized farmers throughout the nation, congress passed and the president signed the Agricultural Adjustment act of 1938 providing for loans of government funds, of which the raisin loan is typical, to enable those engaged in the production of agricultural commodities to secure a reasonable price for their products by controlling the price reductions which ordinarily, without government aid, accompany the existence of crop surpluses.

Bond-Owning Tax Dodgers Curbed

The action of the senate in stripping future issues of United States bonds of their exemption from federal taxes by a provision in the five-billion dollar 1928 revenue bill is regarded as a step in the right direction by those who believe there should be no tax dodgers' haven sanctioned by the government itself. The bond-tax amendment, submitted by Senator Borah, was adopted by the close vote of 34 to 33. The proposal is also favored by President Roosevelt.

It is frequently charged that those who talk the loudest in proclaiming the desirability of amending our federal tax laws so as to levy more taxes on the lower income groups in order to make them "tax conscious" are the very people whose safe deposit boxes are loaded with bonds exempt from federal taxation.

COURT TELLS BOSS TO PAY UNION FOR INJUNCTION INJURY

Chicago Decision Is First of Kind in History; Involves Right to Picket

For the first time in the history of organized labor, so far as is known in Chicago, a labor union has recovered damages from an employer who obtained and sought to enforce a temporary injunction illegally issued.

Damages of $750 were awarded and paid to Auto Mechanics' Lodge No. 701, of the international association of machinists, by Raymond F. Schuster, Ford agent who runs an automobile salesroom.

The award was made by Superior Judge Walter T. Stanton and the money was paid by check in open court.

Story of the Case

Schuster obtained the injunction in July, 1937, on the contention that he did not employ union men in his salesroom and that picketing by the machinists was illegal.

Later the injunction was set aside by the appellate court for the first district.

In January the Illinois appellate court held that a labor union may picket a company which does not employ any union members and may advertise its views by allowing pickets to carry banners. This reversed a ruling by Judge Francis Allegretti of the superior court, restraining the union from picketing the salesrooms, and thus opened the way for the union men's claim for damages.

DON'T BUY GOODS "MADE IN JAPAN." BUY AMERICAN . . . BUY UNION LABEL GOODS.

Portland Dock Workers Favor A. F. of L. Union

The most spectacular of the C. I. O. attempts to raid the A. F. of L. international longshoremen's union, Portland, has been decisively beaten by the men themselves, who voted five to one in favor of remaining in I. L. A. supercargoes and checkers' locals.

Of the reported total of 154 members of I. L. A., Union 38-78A, 142 cast their ballots in the recent 60-day open referendum on the question of affiliating with the C. I. O. or remaining with the A. F. of L. Of the total votes cast, three were blank, 115 were for the A. F. of L. and only 24 for C. I. O. affiliation.

Following this decisive victory, the union unanimously passed a motion precluding any further C. I. O. discussion, thus completely rebuffing the few individuals who had attempted the "raid" on the I. L. A. local.

Spokane Labor Settles Hotel Laundry Dispute

When attorneys for the Spokane hotel agreed in superior court that the laundry would not be operated in the future, union representatives agreed that pickets would be withdrawn. Thus the union won the basic point of the seven-month-old controversy, in that an operating laundry must have an agreement with the laundry workers' union.

An application for an injunction and a damage action filed by the hotel management were dismissed and similar action was anticipated in the case of the Davenport hotel. With a final working out of an arrangement satisfactory to labor, it was hoped that Spokane will soon have a major hotel available for conventions and similar gatherings of organized labor.

AUXILIARY NOTES

HOW THE WOMEN ARE HELPING THROUGH THEIR ORGANIZATIONS

Ladies, Take Notice

This afternoon at 2 o'clock in room No. 8, second floor, labor temple, will be the last meeting held by labor temple auxiliary before the whist party tomorrow. Those of you who have tickets please make special effort to be in attendance, and bring all unsold tickets with you, so that the committee on tables will know just how many tables to provide for.

The committee has worked hard to make this the most successful event ever held by a labor organization, and we hope that each and every one of you turn out to the party tomorrow evening.

Tickets sell for 40 cents, playing will start promptly at 8:15 p. m., hall No. 1, second floor, labor temple, 2111 Webster street.

If you have any donations which have not been turned in, or some grocery articles for the grocery barrel, please bring them in with you tomorrow, as we can use them.

Ladies' Auxiliary No. 97, to the I. A. of M.

Meeting

We had a very interesting and instructive meeting on April 20. A large number of members were present; but we'd like to see more. How about it, you sisters who seldom attend meetings, will we see you soon? For the first time this year there were three officers absent. We hope they were not ill and will be at our next meeting, May 4. Mrs. Leona Gray was initiated as a benefit member and we hope she will like us and our meetings and come often.

Sisters Dixon, Barnes, Rodgers and Gerholdt will represent the auxiliary at the meetings of the Alameda county unions' unemployed council. Sister Dixon gave the second reading of the new by-laws; the third and final reading will be May 4th. The drawing for the pillow was held at the close of the meeting. President Madsen's son held the award ticket. The new social committee served sandwiches, cake and coffee.

Mystery Sisters

Did you remember your mystery sister at Easter? Did yours remember you? Has your mystery sister had a birthday or anniversary this year? If she did, did you remember her? Don't forget there is an award at the end of the year for the one receiving the most cards. Will your mystery sister win? Be sure you save all your cards. If your mystery sister has not remembered you, phone OLympic 9863 or THornwall 4877.

Birthday Party

Don't forget May 18th is our birthday party and we want all our members present. Vallejo Lodge No. 197 and Golden West Lodge No. 125 have been invited and we hope to see a large delegation from each lodge.

Congratulations

We are glad to hear that Sister Ash and baby daughter, and Sister Heininge and baby son are doing nicely.

Sick List

Sister Tessie O'Leary is much better and was able to come home Sunday. We all hope she will be able to attend meetings again soon. Sister Verna Halla was brought home from the hospital Monday and is getting along fine. Sister Halcyon Hansen who is in the U. C. hospital in San Francisco for a major operation is reported to be doing nicely and will be home in about two weeks. To these sisters and others who may be ill, the auxiliary wishes you all a speedy recovery.

ALPHA E. FEDDERSEN,
Press Cor. Pro. Tem.

Oakland Typographical Auxiliary No. 26

The monthly social day was held at "the clubhouse" Wednesday, April 20th. A very delightful lunch was served by the new officers, and cards followed. The following afternoon Mrs. F. M. Chilson entertained the label committee of which she is the chairman, outlining a very interesting program for the new year. All members are requested by Mrs. Chilson, to pass any advertising to her which is being distributed to the doors and does not have our "union label" on same.

Mrs. J. Forster entertained her committee, Wednesday, April 27th at a very sumptuous luncheon, and both she and her co-workers are planning in a big way to swell the membership this year. Mrs. Forster has worked very successfully in past years on the membership drive, and we hope to have a large roster next year. Each and every member should suggest to any ladies, eligible to join with us, to come to our social day and get acquainted with our organization. Please notify Mrs. Forster of new prospects and she will fill out the applications.

I would like to apologize and explain for the absence of a "write up" in the April 15th edition of the Journal. It was mailed from San Francisco, and never arrived at the Journal office.

Don't forget to enjoy the card party at the labor temple tomorrow (Saturday) night. The proceeds go to furnishing the ladies' lounge and kitchens at the labor temple.

The executive committee meets at Charlie Tye's the first Tuesday of the month. All are welcome to sit in on the meeting.

The following Thursday is business meeting at "the clubhouse."

"We boost the union label."

MABEL BOEK, Press Cor.

WE DON'T PATRONIZE

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National Beauty Salons, 1712 Broadway and 1432 San Pablo Avenue
Alice Ames, 1547 San Pablo, Oakland and 2215 Telegraph Avenue, Berkeley
Passadori Shop, 3337 Lakeshore Ave.
Ann Beauty Shop, 3831 E. 14th Street
Barber Shop, 474 Eighth Street
Varsity Barber Shop, 2305 Telegraph Ave. Berkeley
Barber Shop, 5482 College Avenue
Leamington Barber Shop
Barber Shop, 435 Twelfth Street

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Economy Cleaners—2074 Broadway, Oakland; 1599 Solano Ave., 2525 Telegraph Ave., Berkeley.
Consolidated Cleaners—1720 Broadway
General Cleaners—2nd Ave. & E. 14th St., 3229 East 14th St., 1551 23rd Ave., Oakland; 2018 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley.
Bay City Cleaners—1259 Park St., Alameda; 2262 Telegraph Ave., Universtiy Ave., Berkeley; 2090 Broadway, Oakland.
Moss Cleaners, 3640 Piedmont Ave.
Economy Cleaners (All)
Consolidated Cleaners (All)

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Stier Drug Co., 3407 Lakeshore, Oakland

FUNERAL PARLORS
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GROCERY STORES
All Soar's Food Stores

HOTELS
Alameda Hotel, Alameda, California

MEATS, HAMS AND BACON
Ruebling Meat Market 3803 San Pablo Avenue, Emeryville
All Oriental Markets

MILK PRODUCERS
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Photo Chrome Co.—4240 Hollis St., Emeryville.
Piedmont Press, 3953 Piedmont
West Coast Printing Co., 467 Fourth St.
Saturday Evening Post
Ladies Home Journal
Country Gentlemen

RESTAURANTS AND CAFETERIAS
Cat & Fiddle, Berkeley.
Hickory Pit, 4308 Telegrapa Avenue
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S. H. Kress Stores
Woolworth Stores
All White Log Taverns

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Burt's, 1209 Washington Street
Berland's, 1535 Broadway
Feltman & Curme, 1124 Washington Street, and 1932 Telegraph Avenue
MacFarlane's Candy Stores
Stag Clothing Co., 803 Broadway
Leed's Shoe Store, 1315 Washington St.
Nisley Shoe Store, 1425 Broadway

THEATRES
Lincoln, 1620 Seventh Street
Follies, 574 Twelfth Street

MISCELLANEOUS
Frasers' Auto Paint Shop, 64th Ave. and East 14th St.
Blank's Men's Furnishings, Castro and B Sts., Hayward
National Nut Company, 362 4th St.
Blakemore's Tire Shop, 2100 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley
Apex Rotarex Mfg. Co., 45th & Horton Sts.
Workingman's Store, 821 Washington St.
Purity Spring Water Co.
A. K. Wilson Co., 2400 High St.
Cadaco Co., 19th and Union Streets
East Bay News
Cudahy Packing Co.
Sherwin-Williams Paint Co.
Central French Laundry, 425 Foothill
Krechler Manufacturing Company
Standard Oil Company of California
Peerless Boiler Shop, 2020 E. 12th St.
Pioneer Farm Creamery, Berkeley
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C. E. Montgomery, Painting Contractor
O'Keefe & Merritt Stove Co., Los Angeles
Lingren & Swinnerton Co.
A. French, Painter, Alameda
Palmolive-Peet Co., Berkeley
Forderer Cornice Co.
L. B. Hooker Co.
Standard Fence Company
California Ornamental Iron & Fenco Co.
Newberry Store, 19th and Broadway
Sherman Electric Co., Hayward
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PAINTERS' NOTES

On the sick list we still have the following brothers: Groff, Lambert, E. L. Byrd, Baldaramus, Hawkins, Matson, Petersen, Schmidt, Nauman, Kircher, Bates, and Graves. All the above brothers are improving or in the same condition. We wish that all the above brothers would send in a weekly report so that the executive board may know just what shape the brothers are in. Also don't forget that the report must be in each week in order to draw benefits.

Brothers Miller, Wahlberg and Rutledge, members of the joint committee who are busy working up the new agreement to start June 1, 1938, wish to report that a summary of the new agreement will be read at the first meeting in May, which is Thursday, May 5. Many new clauses will go in this agreement and the brothers should acquaint themselves with these clauses. Final vote on approval will be the latter part of May. The writer feels that the brothers who will work under this agreement should take a vital interest by attending these meetings.

Brother Rutledge made the statement that he was going fishing last Sunday and we understand that the phone was busy all week, the regular fishermen wanting to know the results. The score was no results. We can't understand why Brothers "Tiny Fish" Breakfield, "Poker" Larry, "Peanut Popper" Parman, "Open Door" Wheeler, and a few others always wait for Brother Rutledge to break the ice. Maybe a little Scotch somewhere.

Don't forget the big whist party on Saturday, April 30. Many of the painters claim to be good card players and we want to hold up

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BOOST THE LABEL!
BUY UNION LABEL PRODUCTS ONLY

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Patronize only barber shops displaying this card.

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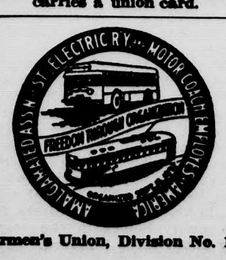
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RECOMMENDS THIS HOUSE AS A
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When you patronize a union cafe you are sure of high class service and food.



Be sure the man that does your plumbing or steamfitting job carries a union card.



Carmen's Union, Division No. 192

Miss Columbia?



Ruth Caldwell was entered this week in the Miss Columbia contest by organized labor of Alameda county. Selection of Miss Columbia will take place at the Columbia ball to be held in the Oakland auditorium, May 21. Miss Caldwell is a member of the ushers and usherettes' union here, an AFL affiliate.

Smiths Have It

Approximately 36,000,000 names are now on record on the books of the social security board in Washington. Of this number, 392,000 are Smiths, the name appearing most frequently. Next come the Johnsons with approximately 300,000, then follow in order the Browns, Williamses and Joneses.

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Rakes, 12 and 14 tines, long handles..... $1, $1.10
Hedge Shears, 9 to 11-inch blades.... $1 to $1.95
Spading Fork, long or short handled $1.75 to $1.95
Shovels, light and heavier weights.. $1 to $1.95
Lawn Mowers, 5-blade, 16-inch roller-bearing..... $7.95
Grass Catchers, to fit any size mower, each..... $1.00
Sprinklers, spray, circle, or revolving..... 25c to $4.45

(Whitthorne & Swan —Downstairs)

Seventeen Agreements Signed By Machinists

Seventeen new agreements with employers in 16 cities in 12 states were negotiated last week by representatives of the international association of machinists.

Practically all of them provided for substantial wage increases. One pact, with the Evans Freight lines, Inc., Los Angeles, raises pay as much as $30 a month. Wages increases granted in other agreements ranged from 6 to 28 cents an hour. In several instances, annual vacations with pay were established.

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FLINT BAKERS' UNION PREVENTS WAGE SLASH

The Flint, Mich., bakers' union successfully resisted an attempted 10 per cent wage cut, announced by the Home Dairy company the first of last February.

As a result of negotiations and at the firm's headquarters in Detroit, participated in by the department of labor and industry, the cut was restored to the original union rate, retroactive to February. The original union contract extends to May 20.

Announcement of the cut followed the usual line of "necessary economy," often used as an excuse to lower wage standards. While the union was prepared to strike if necessary, negotiations were followed through patiently and with ultimate success. Only effective organization of the bakers prevented the wage cut and it was understood that some other employes of the firm, in other departments that are not organized, would be required to accept the cut as originally announced.

Farm Payments Coming

The farm outlook may not be the most encouraging this spring but a recent announcement of the department of agriculture at Washington will be good news to farm folks. Approximately $380,000,000 is to be distributed by April 1 to farmers as soil conservation benefits for compliance with the program of 1937.

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KORN'S KLERKS' KLIPPIN'S

By DAL KORN

No sir! That was no riot down around 20th and Broadway last Saturday night. It was just some of the gang trying to get into the Elks' club for our dance! Seven hundred in all were in attendance. And I must throw an orchid to each and everyone that attended. Because anyone who couldn't forget "union" for one night and wanted to get "organized" on the mezzanine; acted every bit the gentleman. All in all, we sincerely hoped you and you really had a swell time and will attend our next dance, when given.

"Notes" from My Dance Book

Our union gals looked like "ladies of leisure" instead of "ladies of labor" in their formals and frocks and frills last Saturday night.

"Pat" O'nion of "call me Joe's" in Berkeley, and a union store if you please; had on the ol' "soup and fish" to add a formal aspect to the affair from the guys' group. Call me Joe rents them for $1.50 for the night. "Pat" wore it purely for advertising purposes! Joe, you are the one for an "eye for business."

Our dance chairman and "C. C. C." boy, Clarence "Curly" Cooper, went "Hollywood" on us when he shows up in a white linen double-breasted coat; dark trousers, and white shoes. He looked just too, too divine!

Mary Burns, executive board member, sure can "pick 'em up and lay 'em down" when it comes to "swing" music. Mary, by the way, is vacationing at St. Helena this week. Now there is a peculiar coincidence . . . I only had "one" dance with her and she takes a week's vacation! I wonder?

The officials from Montgomery Ward Co. graciously accepted the invitation extended by the local to attend our dance. Such a friendly spirit of cooperation and good will is an outstanding achievement in employer - employe relationship. And we're proud of it.

"Scotty" Weston's Kiddies' revue was a hit. There's "stars" of the future in those little "heavenly" things. And it would be mighty hard to pick the "brightest" one!

"Hildy" Hildebrant can really warble. If you have any doubts—ask anyone that attended the affair. Both songs were well sung and well received.

Some guy carried that ol' union spirit too far last Saturday night. The dope walked up to one of the union "fems" and says, "I'm willing to negotiate a dance with you but . . . let's see your union card first!"

Two Scotchmen got in free down at the club. They simply walked around and around the building until they were "all in." Yes, sir! "We" Scotch are sure the clever ones.

The last notes from my dance book go something like this:

"After the Ball Is Over" he says, "Thanks for the Memory," and she says, "Your a Sweetheart" and "Good Night Angel"; and I'm saying good night everybody.

And don't forget my little union prayer before you go to bed. Look for the union clerk. Ask for the union button.

MANY N. Y. FIRMS SEEK SMALL BUSINESS LOANS

The first day's session of the Smaller Business association of New York District, Inc., authorized to administer the new statute under which the Reconstruction Finance corporation is empowered to lend up to $1,500,000,000 to persons owning small businesses, received approximately one thousand applications for loans varying from $1,000 to $5,000 and totaling about $2,500,000. Under the Glass-Steagall law, recently enacted by congress, an applicant may have as long as fourteen years in which to complete payment of the loan.

Most of those seeking federal aid said they were conducting successful businesses, but that a loan would enable them to replenish stocks or purchase improved equipment. Most of them said the loans would enable them to employ more workers.

'Chicken Feed' for Tax

Since 1934, coinage of pennies, nickels and dimes by United States mints, has increased by 1,643 per cent over the average of the three preceding years. Demand for these small coins has increased to this extent because of the sales tax now in operation in most states. Besides this legal tender "chicken-feed" the long suffering taxpayers in these states also must carry a supply of zinc or tin tokens in their pockets.

REDUCED TARIFF ON CANADIAN ALUMINUM HIT BY A. F. OF L.

Cut in Duties Under Reciprocal Trade Agreements With Dominion Government Would Destroy Aluminum Wage Standards in the United States and Deprive American Aluminum Workers of Employment, Committee for Reciprocity Information Is Told

Speaking on behalf of its aluminum workers and on behalf of the national council of aluminum workers' unions, the American Federation of Labor entered a vigorous protest against any reduction in the existing tariff on aluminum under the reciprocal trade agreement with Canada.

In a statement presented to the committee for reciprocity information, David Williams, president of the national council of aluminum workers, Carl Greene and Boris Shishkin, representing the American Federation of Labor, predicted that any reduction in the existing tariff rate of four cents a pound on imports of aluminum from Canada would lead to virtual cessation of aluminum manufacturing in the United States and throw out of employment nearly 30,000 workers.

"The inevitable and necessary effect of such reduction," according to the statement, "would be to destroy the wage standards prevailing in the aluminum industry, to drastically lower the purchasing power of aluminum workers in the United States and to produce widespread unemployment among such workers."

Wages Are Lower in Canada

Pointing out that the average wage in aluminum manufacturing in Canada was 40 per cent lower than such wage in the United States the statement emphasized the fact that under the favored nation clause the terms of the agreement would apply to other aluminum producing countries where wages were as low as 10 cents an hour.

Following a detailed analysis of the competitive advantages of foreign aluminum producers, the A. F. of L. spokesmen said that, "in the light of the available facts, competition of American producers of aluminum with foreign producers is clearly impossible.

Aluminum Workers' Livelihood Jeopardized

"The majority of the production workers in the aluminum manufacturing industry are organized into trade and labor unions and maintain contractual relations with their employers under collective union agreements. Their wages, hours and other conditions of employment are safeguarded by these agreements and their labor standards are assured. Any reduction in the existing tariff rate would jeopardize the welfare and the very livelihood of these workers in a number of ways.

Menaced With Unemployment

"The most direct effect of the adoption of these rates would be inevitable unemployment of a large mass of aluminum workers who would be thus deprived of their only source of income and of their purchasing power. If any employment in the domestic industry is to continue, it will of necessity have to be continued at wages vastly lower than those which now prevail. Such a complete demoralization in the labor market in a basic industry must unavoidably undermine labor standards in other comparable and related industries.

Entire Aluminum Industry Is Threatened

"In view of this it is sbmitted that any economic advantage gained on the basis of reciprocity established as the result of tariff reduction on this item will be more than offset by the disastrous economic consequences resulting from the curtailment of domestic production of aluminum, by the loss in the purchasing power of the aluminum workers in the United States, and by the ultimate virtual elimnation from productive activity of one of our basic industries.

"The maintenance of the present tariff rate is essential to the economic welfare of the aluminum worker, of the aluminum industry, and of the nation as a whole. A reduction in this rate would deal our domestic aluminum industry such an enormous economic blow as to render it incapable of properly serving the essential material needs of our country.

"Aluminum is a material of primary importance in the aircraft construction and in the manufacture of other products essential for the use in our national defense. The United States cannot afford to rely on foreign importations of aluminum for the materials and products necessary in our defense program."

GREEN BACKS BILL TO BAN CHISELERS ON U. S. CONTRACTS

Requires Every Government Contractor to Bargain Collectively With Employes

A house judiciary subcommittee headed by Congressman Emanuel Celler this week began hearings on a far-reaching bill safeguarding labor's right to organize and bargain collectively, put new "teeth" in the Walsh-Healey act, tightening up enforcement of the national labor relations act, and plugging loopholes found by anti-union employers in all previous new deal labor laws.

Washington is swarming with lobbyists for employer organizations, which have waked up to the tremendous significance of the bill and are out to kill it at any cost.

"Jim" Emery, chief lobbyist of the notorious national association of manufacturers, is at work both in the open and under cover. The fight is becoming one of the bitterest ever known in the capital.

Approved by Green

The bill was fathered by two good friends of labor—Senator Robert F. Wagner and Congressman Arthur D. Healey. It was enthusiastically approved by President William Green of the American Federation of Labor, who testified for the bill before a senate committee and will support it before the house group.

Green pointed out that the bill is aimed at a shocking situation which makes Uncle Sam a "partner in crime" with union-busting employers who violate the labor relations act. Hundreds of big and little concerns which defy that law are getting profitable government contracts and large loans from the reconstruction finance corporation, Green said.

Ban on Chiselers

If enacted into law, the Wagner-Healey bill would put a sudden stop to this. All government agencies would be forbidden to buy anything from or loan money to any company which—

1—Does not "comply with all orders and decisions of the NLRB.

2—"Engages in any unfair labor practice defined in the labor relations act."

Moreover, contracts or loans already awarded to any concern would be cancelled and heavy penalties applied for violations of the labor relations law or defiance of board orders.

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that reputation by getting a few awards. The party is being given by the ladies' labor temple auxiliary, at 2111 Webster street, 8 p. m., and all receipts to go for furnishing the ladies' lounge and kitchens.

During the past week many impromptu parties were held in the new temple. One being in honor of the birthday of that wild Irishman Pat Doyle. Let's all guess how many birthdays he's had. From his actions we would say about 18 but the records show different. The party progressed nicely until several of the kind brothers donated machines to escort home some of the brothers who were all tired out. (We would call that last line rare diplomacy.)

The boys have not as yet determined just what kind of a blowout to give with the non-attendance assessment money but if the dear wives of the brothers will put on a little heat we feel that a dance may carry.

We observe the business representatives putting forth their best efforts to clear the hall of unemployed brothers and the boys on the job can help by calling TWinoaks 2755 or GLencourt 2474 when the employer needs more help. Also use those same phones to report any shady jobs.

That technician, Brother Cavanaugh had his hands full on the examining board last Saturday, no fewer than 30 candidates being turned out in about three hours, or I should have said turned in.

Have you ever wondered what became of that extra glass of refreshment? We would advise keeping your eye on "Curly" Rhue or Spessu Beguhl.

We are still trying to determine how "Heavyweight" Compton and "High Pockets" Carpenter figure out who has to pay for the daily hamburgers.

We are sorry to report that Dewey Miller, the son of the business representative is very ill at home. We hope for his speedy recovery.

Last week's "who is it?"—Jack Crowley.

This week's "who is it?—Age over fifty. Life member, former officer of the local. Has always taken active interest in its affairs. Is now connected with an educational department and is sometimes called "Pop."

Aiding N. Y. Poor Costs One Group $1,548,717

The terrible tragedy of thousands of people suffering the pangs of poverty in a community where the extravagances of the wealthy discredit our system of wealth distribution is revealed in the annual report of the New York association for the improvement of the condition of the poor. The report shows that during 1937 the organization spent $1,548,717 to aid 40,054 persons in 19,147 families.

The association limits its work to the improvement of the mental, physical and economic condition of families under its care and does not include the many thousands receiving public relief through federal, state and municipal relief agencies.

DEMAND THE UNION LABEL

Higher Wage Pacts Won By Little Rock Bakers

Wage increases ranging from 15 to 50 per cent, with a closed shop and standard union conditions, were won by Bakers' Local, Union No. 442, Little Rock, Ark.

Union closed shop contracts were recently signed with the Continental Baking company and the American bakery, while a tentative agreement was reached with the Colonial Baking company, where complete unionization was expected promptly.

The union contracts establish the 44-hour maximum and 40-hour minimum work week, with time and a third for overtime, and provide for mutual protection.

CLOSED SHOP UPHELD BY WISCONSIN COURT

A victory was won by the boot and shoe workers' union, A. F. of L., before the Wisconsin supreme court last week, in the first case testing validity of provisions in the Wisconsin labor disputes act permitting closed shop contracts between employers and legitimate unions.

The high court upheld a contract between the Freeman Shoe company of Beloit and the A. F. of L. union, which had been challenged by the united shoe workers' union, C. I. O., on the contention that the firm had intimidated employes to join the A. F. of L. union.

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Union Carries Campaign of "We Don't Patronize" Against All Non-Union Eating Establishments

Union checkers or newsvenders stationed in front of the non-union Drago's Tamale parlor, 2080 Broadway; Cat and Fiddle, restaurant, Berkeley, and other eating establishments report that at least 60 per cent of the patrons have refused to patronize these non-union places since listed on the official "We Don't Patronize" list by organized labor of Alameda county.

According to the checkers these restaurants are supported by only a few old stand-bys and it is almost impossible for the restaurants to meet expenses.

Some of the old-time patrons state that "restaurants that do not employ union help or think they are too big to operate union do not deserve our patronage." This accounts for the falling off of business, labor leaders say.

Other eating establishments that are not worthy of union patronage are, Hickory Pit, 4308 Telegraph avenue; Milton's restaurant, 583 Castro street, San Leandro; S. H. Kress stores; Woolworth stores and all White Log taverns.

The above places do not want union patronage. Do not support them in any manner. Spend your union earned money with friends of the union workers.

Patronize only eating establishments that display the union house card of the culinary workers' union.

Back of the union label are shorter hours, higher wages, and better working conditions.

Contractors and Builders Form Safety Association In Metropolitan Oakland

"Nearly 100 members of the associated general contractors and builders of Metropolitan Oakland recently attended a banquet at the hotel Leamington for the purpose of inaugurating their newly organized "Contractors and Builders' Safety Association of the East Bay," said George H. Sharp, secretary-manager of both associations today.

The dinner was attended by many of the leaders in the building industry in the bay district and guests from San Francisco, San Mateo, and Contra Costa counties.

"The purpose of the safety association, primarily, is to reduce accidents and protect workers on the job through proper safety measures and timely inspections. By creating lower loss levels among the members it is hoped that present high compensation insurance rates may be reduced, which in turn will make for lower overhead costs in construction. All members of the association are insured under a group policy through the cooperation of the state compensation insurance fund, thereby increasing the possibilities for larger dividends.

"The economic loss due to accidents, which cause high insurance rates, is one of the large items of overhead costs in the construction industry," said Sharp.

"It is hoped that many more of the general contractors doing business in Metropolitan Oakland, will become members of the safety association, that we may have their cooperation in the reduction of economic losses within the building industry, due to unnecessary accidents," Sharp said in conclusion.

Offices of the association are located in the Builders' Exchange building, Hobart and Webster streets, Oakland, California.

Washington Lumber Firm Signs A. F. L. Union Pact

A splendid union contract was recently secured in Ravensdale, Wash., with the Baker & Sons Logging company, by Local 2894 of the loggers' department of the Oregon-Washington council of lumber and sawmill workers.

The agreement, regarded as one which may be used as a precedent for other negotiations, provides for a full union shop, including recognition of the union as the sole collective bargaining agent for the workers and other standard points specified in all Oregon-Washington council agreements, including the 5-day, 40-hour work week, with time and a half for overtime. In addition to the usual holidays, the Baker agreement also allows all national and state election days.

A. F. L. APPROVES NEW WAGE BILL

New Wage and Hour Bill Should Be Passed Without Opposition Says Head of A. F. of L.

President William Green of the American Federation of Labor issued the following statement today on the revised wage and hour bill as approved by the house labor committee:

"The American Federation of Labor accepts and favors the new wage and hour bill. It embodies the three fundamental requirements fought for all along by the American Federation of Labor—a specific and universal floor for wages, a specific and universal ceiling for hours and provision for enforcement by the department of justice.

"In some particulars we believe the bill can be improved. We believe the 25-cents an hour minimum wage is too low to begin with and the 44-hour week to long even as a start. It is true the bill provides that these rates be stepped up until a 40-cents an hour 40-hour week is reached at the end of three years. But why postpone these benefits? The country needs them now. At this very moment, when the nation is suffering from curtailed purchasing power and widespread unemployment, a really effective wage and hour bill should prove most beneficial. We believe it would be sound common sense to adopt a bill providing a minimum wage of not less than 30 cents an hour to begin with and a maximum work week of 40 hours.

Bill Is Understandable

"No employer and no member of congress from any section of the country can dare to assert that a minimum wage of $11 or $12 a week would be an oppressive imposition on American industry. Any industry which depends for survival on sweatshop wages and sweatshop conditions of labor should cease to exist in the public interest. Sweatshop labor is like an infection which spreads its paralyzing poison through the whole physical and economic system of the nation. It has been outlawed by public opinion. It should be outlawed by statute.

"The bill, as reported by the house labor committee, is clear, simple and easily understandable. It has been stripped of complexities of verbiage and administration. It covers only fourteen printed pages, as against sixty-two pages for previous hodge-podge measures which were opposed by the American Federation of Labor.

"Every member of congress, regardless of party affiliation, should vote for this new wage and hour bill."

File 97 Tax Returns Yearly

A report made in the house by Congressman Bruce Barton of New York last week tells of a commercial firm which has its main office in his district and branches in five other states. This concern, Barton declares, must file twenty-one federal tax returns, seventy-one state tax returns and five city tax returns, ninety-seven all told, within a year's time. That is taxation with something of a vengeance.

FIFTEEN HUNDRED CROCKETT WORKERS RETURN TO PLANT

Other Labor Notes

With the final peace pact set to be signed, more than 1,500 employes of the American-Hawaiian sugar refinery at Crockett returned to work, bringing the plant back to within 100 of its capacity.

More than 500 housewives hailed with joy the prospect of the first pay check in six weeks, while other homes were gladdened that the men were back on the job.

Doing a right-about face at sea, six huge freighters headed back from gulf and east coast ports with 50,000 tons of sugar, the first slated to arrive at Crockett this week.

Seven thousand tons of raw sugar now in Crockett bins, California-Hawaiian officials announced, will keep the plant going full blast until the first ship arrives.

Sailors Given Support

The sailors' union of the Pacific in their fight to control hiring aboard vessels of the Shepard line was guaranteed support by the San Francisco Labor Council recently.

In asking support of the labor body, Carl Tillman, council delegate, from the S. U. P., predicted reopening of the Shepard line case by the national labor relations board.

Butchers in Sign Up

A strike was prevented by union butchers against Stockton markets by signing of a compromise agreement.

The agreement provides $40 a week for market managers and journeymen, a 54-hour week, 8 legal holidays off with pay, one week vacation with pay, the closed shop, laundering of aprons by employers and formation of grievance committee composed of representatives of employers and employes.

Federation Endorses

News comes from Harrisburg, Pa., that the executive council of the Pennsylvania Federation of Labor recently endorsed the democratic state committee's slate of primary candidates, headed by Charles Alvin Jones for governor, and Governor George H. Earle for U. S. senator.

The council policy making group of the Pennsylvania unit of the American federation, also endorsed the candidacies of U. S. Senator James J. Davis, republican, for re-election, and Frank J. Harris, Pittsburgh, republican, for lieutenant governor.

A recent interview with President Green at Washington, said: "The American Federation of Labor would keep in mind, in its political activity, the late Samuel Gompers, for 40 years its president, that labor should support its friends and oppose its enemies regardless of party.

"Although the A. F. of L. political setup will resemble the league in many respects," Green said, "it would be a 'much more democratic organization.' There will be 'no dictating from the top,'" he added.

State and city campaign committees, Green explained will work with state federation of labor and city central bodies, and will decide which candidates are to be given A. F. of L. support.

Labor Leader Passes

Patrick J. O'Brien, one of the most widely known and popular labor leaders in the country, died last week at his home in Buffalo.

He had been secretary-treasurer of the seamen's international union with headquarters in Chicago and a prominent figure for many years in the affairs of AFL annual conventions. Continued illness forced his resignation from office, after which he returned to his Buffalo home.

Ask Picketing Repeal

At Eureka, Calif., a repeal of the recently enacted county anti-picketing ordinance is asked in petitions filed with Humboldt supervisors. The petitions, bearing thousands of signatures, were sponsored by Eureka labor unions.

Only members of the Nurses' Union, No. 19923 shall attend members of the international brotherhood of boilermakers, iron shipbuilders and helpers of America when under care of company physicians, according to an agreement signed between the two groups recently.

The agreement is effective for one year.

Wear your union button at all times and attend your local meetings as often as possible.

DOINGS AT NEPTUNE

A May day fiesta will be presented at Neptune Beach on Sunday afternoon, celebrating May day and the advent of spring.

A colorful song and dance revue will be presented by a company of 50 clever artists from Miss Florelle Batsford's school of dancing.

Dancing is being held in the beautiful Neptune ball-room every Saturday and Sunday night and Sunday afternoon with music by Johnny Russo and his popular melody masters. Wednesday nights, old time dances hold forth with the real old time dances including quadrilles, schottishes, three steps, old style waltzes, etc.

Night auto races are now being held every Tuesday night in the Neptune stadium.

Phoenix Retail Clerks Sign Up Three Stores

The retail clerks' union of Phoenix reports excellent progress in its campaign to organize food store workers, union agreements having already been secured with three important concerns.

The well-known union store card now adorns the Market Wholesale grocery, O'Conner's grocery and the A. & B. Food market, and others are expected to be displayed soon, as additional stores are signed up.

Stork Partial to Boys

Last week, a son born to Mr. and Mrs. Ned Boucher was the sixteenth birth in a Livingston, Mont. hospital since January, 1926, and all sixteen are boys. Not so many years ago the superstitious would have looked upon this as a certain omen of war.

Uniontown Barbers Win Strike for Union Shop

A brief strike by members of Journeymen Barbers' Local Union No. 604, Uniontown, Pa., affecting 32 Uniontown barber shops, brought a prompt victory, with sixteen shops signing up after the strike had been in effect only half a day, with negotiations for settlement continuing with the other 16 shops.

The barbers, who had been getting 76 per cent for the first $33 and 60 per cent of all over that amount, had asked a change in contract that called for a straight commission of 70 per cent. The former contract had expired March 31. The contracts signed recognize the union demands.

More Fireworks

That is what may be looked for in Washington, D. C., June 14 and 15, next, when the nation's "little business men" are asked to meet in the national capital again. The group will be more thoroughly organized this time, being under the sponsorship of the national advisory organization. Unless the present depression has been halted by that time, and there are unmistakable signs of a return to better business conditions, "the lid will be blown off," some of the more impatient business leaders declare, when they meet in Washington this second time.

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